

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BARBEAU, et al. Docket No.: 9555.87USI1  
Filed: May 9, 2001  
Title: IMPROVED BACTERICIDAL AND NON-BACTERICIDAL  
SOLUTIONS FOR REMOVING BIOFILMS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph after the title on the first page of the specification:

--This application is a Continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/187,249, filed November 6, 1998.--

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

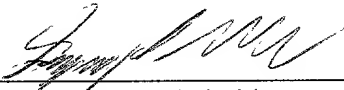
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

Respectfully submitted,

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